

HEALTH OUTCOMES

Health outcomes can range from well-being to sickness to death. They include things like asthma, heart disease, and cancer. Differences in root causes lead to differences in health outcomes and can even influence life expectancy. You will see 21 health outcomes in our full report.

ROOT CAUSES

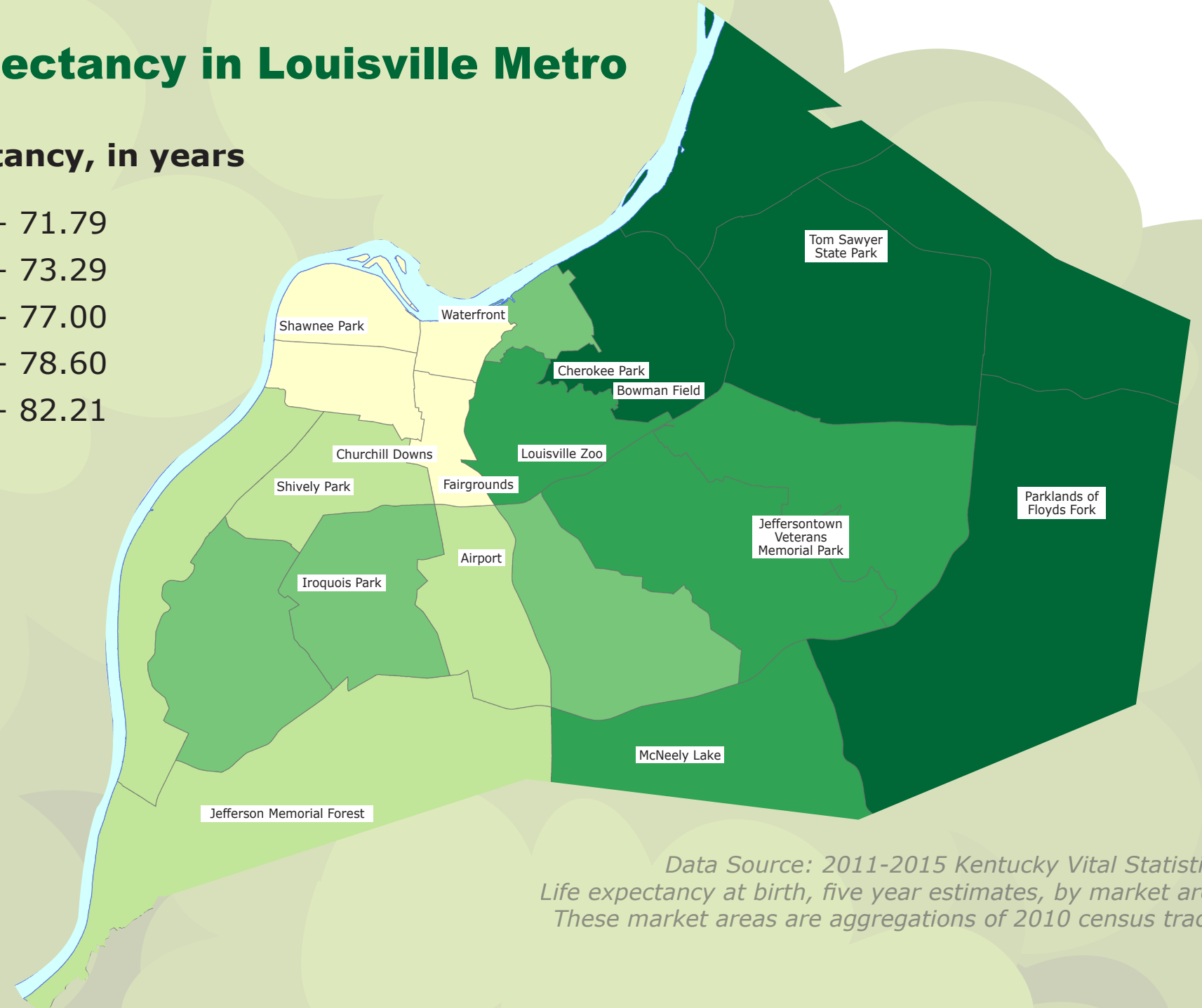
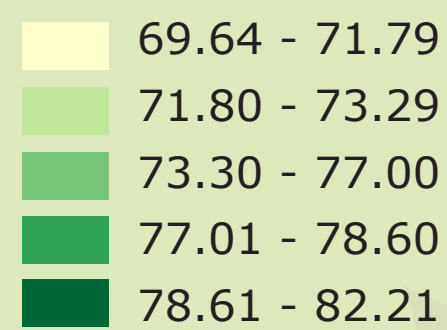
Root causes can range from food systems to neighborhood development. Differences in root causes include whether or not we have grocery stores in our neighborhoods or the ability to get a housing loan. Root causes lead to health outcomes and have to be addressed to make a difference in individual health. You will see 11 examples of root causes in our full report.

SYSTEMS OF POWER

Deep in the soil, you will find systems of power—like racism and sexism — which shape how people experience root causes of health equity like housing or employment. These systems of power are embedded in history and our present day policies and practices.

Life Expectancy in Louisville Metro

Life Expectancy, in years



Data Source: 2011-2015 Kentucky Vital Statistics
Life expectancy at birth, five year estimates, by market area
These market areas are aggregations of 2010 census tracts

Life expectancy is the average number of years a newborn is expected to live, if the current rates at which people die stay the same. The life expectancy for Louisville Metro is 76.8, but some areas have a 12.6 year difference in life expectancy.

Top 3 Outcomes That Lead To Death

USA	1. Heart disease 169.9	2. Cancer 163.6	3. COPD* 41.6
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Data Source: 2011-2015 National Vital Statistics System, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC
Age-adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Population, rates per 100,000
*COPD or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is now known as Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

Both Louisville Metro and the USA have the same rate of heart disease deaths, but Louisville Metro has a much higher rate of cancer, making it our leading cause of death.



We have the resources to work together to find solutions to these root causes of poor health outcomes and create a Louisville Metro where we all thrive.

